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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on After Final Amendment filed May 31, 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-9, 11-14, 16-21 and 23-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 6, 7 and 28-32 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 8-9, 11-14, 16-21, 23-27 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Examiner regrets the untimely reopening of prosecution.
2. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed May 31, 2005 have been acknowledged.
3. Examiner acknowledges applicant's submission of the terminal disclaimer.
4. The rejection of claims 8-9, 11-14, 16-21 and 23-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over U.S. Patent Number 6,565,995 is withdrawn due to applicant's submission of the terminal disclaimer.
5. Claim 33 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 23. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
7. Claims 8-9, 11-14, 16-21, 23-27 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The formula containing R' and R'' is no longer shown in claim 8. It is unclear as to what R' and R'' refer. Additionally, the phrase "R" is copolymerized with a monomer is an alkyl group optionally a -C(CH₃)₃" is unclear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

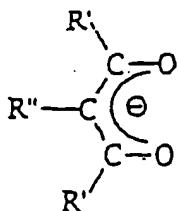
8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 01-256584.

The Japanese reference discloses an electroluminescent device having Ce(TTA)₃Phen as an emitter. Ce(TTA)₃Phen is an organic complex of cerium (III) with three ligands of the formula



Wherein R'' is hydrogen, one R' is a heterocyclic ring structure and the other R' is a fluorocarbon. Additionally, the reference discloses that the device emits blue-violet luminescence.

10. Claims 6-7 and 28-32 are allowed. The prior art does not provide for an electroluminescent device which comprise (i) a transparent substrate (ii) an electroluminescent layer comprising Eu(II)(TMHD)₂ and (iii) a cathode.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 8-9, 11-14, 16-21 and 23-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is (703) 872-9306.

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